



## Newsletter – Week 3 8 May 2026

### Message from our Principal, Mrs Larkin

As we move forward into Term 2, our students are making excellent progress in their learning, and it is wonderful to see them embracing new challenges both inside and outside the classroom.

Our Cross Country event this week was a great success, with students showing wonderful spirit, perseverance, and sportsmanship. Thank you to everyone who participated, volunteered, and cheered on our runners it was a fantastic morning enjoyed by all.

This term, already, our specialised extra-curricular programs, Spanish, Music, and Dance are a highlight for students. These valuable programs play a vital role in enriching our students' educational experience and would not be possible without parent contributions.

A special event to look forward to is our Athletics Carnival in Week 5. This is always an exciting day, and provides a fantastic opportunity for students to participate, show school spirit, and celebrate their achievements together. If you haven't yet completed your child's consent form, please visit the parent portal on School Bytes or check your emails. We also warmly welcome families to come along and support our students.

### Celebration of Values Awards

Term 2, Week 3 – Responsibility				
KF	Victoria	William	Evie	Goldie
1/2C	Elle	Oliver	Sienna	Hemmi
1/2Q	Cooper	Luca	Hunter	William
3/4O	Joshua	Luca	Jett Austin	Nateesha
3/4P	Elissa	Byron	Cuba	Marlon
5/6S	Piper	Arlo	Hannah	Charles

### Sibling Enrolments for Kindergarten 2027

If you have a sibling child who will be eligible for Kindergarten 2027, the school office is now taking enrolment applications online. The 'Application to enrol in a NSW Government school' can be found by clicking on this link: [Application to enrol](#)

### Walk and Talk Tours for Prospective Families

The next tour will be on Tuesday 12 May at 9.30am and Wednesday 3 June at 4pm. Please book into a tour by clicking on this link. [Walk and Talk Tours](#)

Please spread the word if you know anyone enrolling!



# PADDINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOL

## KINDERGARTEN 2027

### Orientation Program

We welcome you to join us for a range of activities planned for 2027 Kindergarten students and their parents.

**Tuesday 27 October 9.15am - 10.30am**

**Day one - Playdate and Parent Information session**

Students are invited to join our teachers for a developmental play session and will have the opportunity to meet new friends who will be starting school alongside them in 2027.

A parent information session will be held simultaneously, providing details about preparing your child for school. This session is for parents of confirmed enrolments only.

**Tuesday 3 November 9:15am - 10.30am**

**Day two - Playdate and Parent Morning Tea**

Students are welcome to participate in a fun, interactive play session with our teachers. This session is a great opportunity for children to explore our learning spaces and build connections with future classmates.

Parents are invited to join our P&C for a morning tea.

**Tuesday 10 November 9:30am - 2pm**

**Day three - Big Day at School**

Big Day at School for children - allows the children to come and spend a whole day at school doing everything 'big kids' do.



## Calendar dates for 2026

Tuesday 12 May	Walk & Talk Tour for Kindergarten 2027, 9.30am
Friday 15 May	P&C Meeting 9.30am
Wednesday 20 May	Zone Cross Country
Monday 25 May	Athletics Carnival – Hensley Sport Field, Pagewood
Wednesday 3 June	Walk & Talk Tour for Kindergarten 2027, 4pm
Monday 8 June	King’s Birthday Public Holiday (School Closed)
Monday 15 – Wednesday 17 June	Stage 3 – Canberra Excursion
Tuesday 23 June	Debating at PPS against Double Bay PS
Friday 26 June	Public Speaking Finals at Randwick PS
Friday 26 June	Winter PSSA ends for Term 2
Friday 3 July	Last day of Term 2
Monday 20 July	Staff Development Day – School Closed
Tuesday 21 July	Term 3 begins for all students
Friday 24 July	PSSA starts for Term 3

**Grandparents Day  
&  
Book Week Parade**

2026 CHILDREN'S BOOK WEEK  
SYMPHONY OF STORIES  
22-28 August 2026

All families, especially our grandparents are invited to join us for our annual Book Week Parade and Grandparents Day.  
**Monday 24 August, 2026**  
from 9.15am - 11am  
Light refreshments will be served after the parade

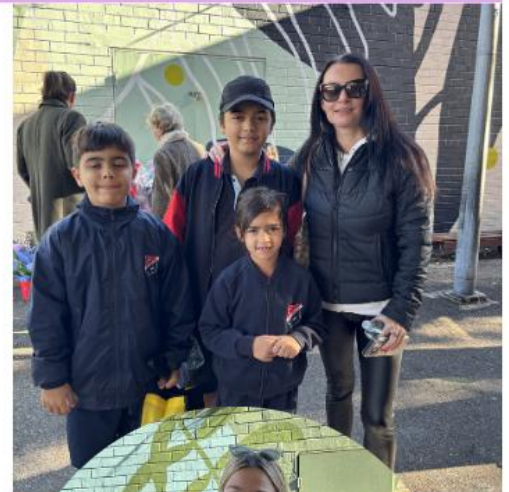
HAPPY GRANDPARENTS DAY

On behalf of our staff, I'd like to wish a very happy Mother's Day to all our wonderful mothers, grandmothers, and those who nurture and support our students. Your care, love, and guidance are appreciated every day, and we celebrate you today.

A special thank you to our amazing P&C members—Ali, Alana, Clare, Alison, Rachael, and Charlotte—for organising such a lovely Mother's Day breakfast this morning. Your enthusiasm and effort create opportunities for us to connect and celebrate together, and we are grateful for all you do.

Wishing everyone a joyful Mother's Day!

# MOTHER'S DAY BREAKFAST





A message from our P&C – A heartfelt thank you to our kind and generous Mother's Day Donor's – we couldn't do this without community.

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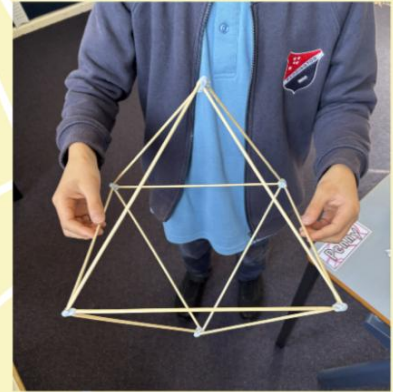
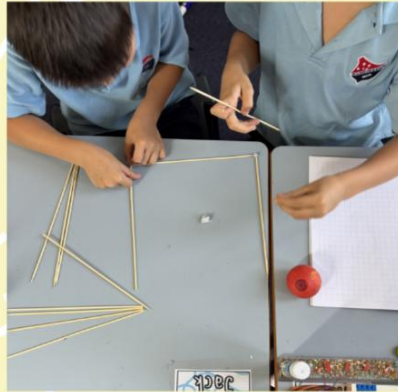
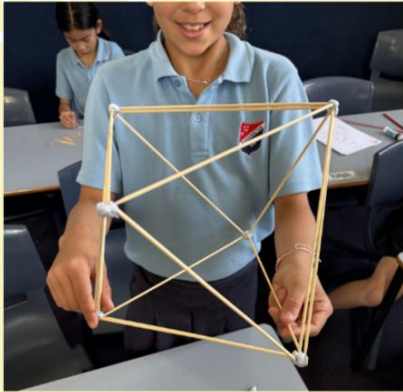


  
**ratatak ceramics**  
handmade ceramics  
by kelly pearce

*Zee's Love in a Jar*

# Polyhedrons in 3-6 Mathematics

In this hands-on activity, Year 3-6 students built a range of 3D objects (polyhedrons), using materials like sticks, toothpicks and bluetac. As they created each object, students recorded its features of faces, edges and vertices in a table. Students were encouraged to use their understanding of prefixes (e.g. tetra = 4, hexa = 6, octa = 8) to help identify and name the different polyhedra ("poly" meaning many, and "hedra" meaning faces). This supports their ability to observe, compare, and use mathematical language to describe geometric features.





# NSW Premier's Spelling Bee 2026



**Paddington Public School is excited to be taking part  
in the 2026 NSW Premier's Spelling Bee!**

This fun and engaging competition is open to students in two official divisions:

- Junior Division: Years 3 & 4
- Senior Division: Years 5 & 6

Confident spellers in Stage 1 are also encouraged to participate.

Spelling rounds are currently taking place in class to determine school finalists.

The school final will take place in **Week 8, Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> June.**

One winner from each division will go on to represent Paddington at the Regional Finals via video link in Term 3.

Word lists can be accessed online at:

<https://artsunit.nsw.edu.au/program/nsw-premiers-spelling-bee#word-lists>

The word lists are password protected and due to copyright restrictions the password can't be published publicly. Please contact the front office for the password.



The poster features a light blue background with a string of colorful triangular bunting (red, yellow, blue) at the top. A teal banner with the text 'CROSS COUNTRY' is positioned below the bunting. The background also includes stylized green hills, trees, and a dashed line representing a running path. The text is arranged in three paragraphs within a light green rounded rectangle.

2026 PADDINGTON PS

# CROSS COUNTRY

On Tuesday, 5<sup>th</sup> of May, Paddington Public school students from Year 2 to 6 participated in the school cross country at Centennial Park.

The course included a mix of flat sections and small hills, giving students the opportunity to pace themselves, demonstrate resilience, and enjoy the natural surroundings. Throughout the event, students showed excellent effort, cheering each other on and embracing the spirit of cross country.

A big thank you to all of our wonderful parents, carers, and teachers who supported our Cross Country event. Events like this highlight the strength of our students to challenge themselves, build endurance and display perseverance. Well done to everyone involved!

